

performance. In particular, our model learns optimal responses in a two-armed bandit gambling task, and shifts its attentional allocation to higher-valued stimuli, a result that mirrors our empirical data. Taken together, our EEG and modeling data suggest one possible mechanism through which attention shifts with learning.

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SHAME AND EXCULPATION: INTEGRATING MODELING AND NEUROIMAGING APPROACHES TO SOCIAL EMOTIONS

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THE NEURAL MECHANISMS OF SEQUENTIAL DECISION-MAKING AS REVEALED BY ALPHA-BAND OSCILLATIONS

Shen-Mou Hsu¹; ¹National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.) — Great progress has been made in characterizing the neural mechanisms underlying decision-making on single percepts. By contrast, much less is known about how decisions on current percepts are affected by preceding material. The current study recorded magnetoencephalographic signals while participants performed a binary categorization task on a sequence of facial expressions. The expressions were continua of morphs from fear to neutral. To probe decision-related neural signatures, I contrasted neural activity of the trials in which the ambiguous expressions were reported as fear with the trials in which the same ambiguous expressions were reported as neutral. The analysis showed that both oscillatory alpha activation at the parieto-occipital sites and beta activation at the left frontal sites reflected perceptual decisions. Nevertheless, only alpha-band oscillations were found to be closely correlated with the sequential effects revealed in the behavioural results, in which current ambiguous morphs would be more likely to be categorized as fear if immediately preceded by nearby fearful morphs as compared to if preceded by fearful prototypes. This study thus suggests that preceding stimuli may act on oscillatory alpha activity of the current percepts and in turn influence final categorical decisions, whereas oscillatory beta activity may simply represent general decision-making processes.

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NEURAL CORRELATES OF THE DECOY EFFECT IN DECISIONS

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inferior parietal gyrus was more active when no decoy was presented than when decoy option was shown, whereas the occipital gyrus was more activated by decoy option trials, suggesting that the parietal based deliberation process is switched to the intuition process which may involve the occipital gyrus, when decoy option is available. In the response phase, the left anterior insula was more active when decoy boosted targets rather than decoy irrelevant competitors were chosen. Moreover, across individuals, activity in anterior cingulate cortex predicted a reduced susceptibility to the decoy effect, suggesting that resisting decoy effect requires extra cognitive control. Our findings highlight the power of decoy effect in laboratory settings and document its neural mechanisms of decoy effect.

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IMPORTANCE OF NUMERIC INFORMATION PROCESSING FOR THE VALUATION OF MONETARY REWARDS

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MOTOR COSTS MODULATE PRIMARY MOTOR CORTEX EXCITABILITY

Aysha Keisler¹, Samantha Frank¹, Eric Wassermann¹; ¹National Institutes of Health — Evaluation of costs and rewards is critical for identifying optimal behaviors. Recent research shows that dopaminergic cortico-striatal circuitry plays a significant role process. However, while much progress has been made elucidating the subcortical components of this network, we know little about the cortical component. Here, we examined how motor costs affect cortical excitability using transcranial magnetic stimulation. Participants completed a visual discrimination task. To manipulate motor costs, participants were required to make either a low-effort or a high-effort motor movement with the left hand when responding on the discrimination task. Accuracy feedback was given on some trials and not on others. Stimulation was applied to the left primary motor cortex shortly either (a) before the response or (b) after reward onset. Motor evoked potentials were recorded from the right hand. We found that accuracy feedback plays a critical role in the modulation of cortical excitability. When participants received feedback on their performance, excitability increased with motor costs; importantly, however, the same motor movements do not affect excitability when they are not associated with the visual task. Interestingly, effort did not affect excitability in the absence of feedback. These data suggest that feedback triggers a state of effort sensitivity in the motor cortex.

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YOU WILL LIKE IT AS MUCH AS IT HURTS : INTERPLAY OF STRIATUM AND DACC DURING CHOICE-MAKING

Hye-young Kim¹, Yeonsoon Shin¹, Sanghoon Han¹; ¹Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea — Although post-choice attitude change phenomenon is relatively well-known, few studies identified the actual neural mechanism of dissonance-induced attitude change, especially focusing on the act of choosing. In an fMRI study, 15 participants were scanned while performing a multiple-alternatives-forced-choice task. Participants first rated attractiveness on various art posters, and 4 different choice sets were configured based on each individual's rating (3 large sets with 4 alternatives and 1 small set with 2 alter-